



PATENT

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Thomas A. Kraker)	Examiner:	D. A. Walls
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Serial No: 10/055,027)	Art Unit:	1731
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Filed: January 23, 2002)	Deposit Acct. No:	04-1403
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Title: Smoking Articles With)	Confirmation No:	7502
Reduced Ignition Proclivity)		
Characteristics)		

AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 4, 2003, please amend the above captioned application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this Response.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this Response.